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To amend section 5123.351 of the Revised Code 1  
regarding the authority of the Department of 2  
Developmental Disabilities to adopt rules 3  
regarding the use of community capital 4  
assistance funds. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 5123.351 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 5123.351.** ~~The~~ (A) Subject to division (B) of this 8  
section, the director of developmental disabilities, with 9  
respect to the eligibility for state reimbursement of expenses 10  
incurred by facilities and programs established and operated 11  
under Chapter 5126. of the Revised Code for persons with 12  
developmental disabilities, shall do all of the following: 13

~~(A)~~ (1) Make rules that may be necessary to carry out the 14  
purposes of Chapter 5126. and sections 5123.35, 5123.351, and 15  
5123.36 of the Revised Code; 16

~~(B)~~ (2) Define minimum standards for qualifications of 17

personnel, professional services, and in-service training and 18  
educational leave programs; 19

~~(C)~~ (3) Review and evaluate community programs and make 20  
recommendations for needed improvements to county boards of 21  
developmental disabilities and to program directors; 22

~~(D)~~ (4) Withhold state reimbursement, in whole or in part, 23  
from any county or combination of counties for failure to comply 24  
with Chapter 5126. or section 5123.35 or 5123.351 of the Revised 25  
Code or rules of the department of developmental disabilities; 26

~~(E)~~ (5) Withhold state funds from an agency, corporation, 27  
or association denying or rendering service on the basis of 28  
race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, 29  
disability as defined in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code, or 30  
inability to pay; 31

~~(F)~~ (6) Provide consultative staff service to communities 32  
to assist in ascertaining needs and in planning and establishing 33  
programs. 34

(B) The director shall adopt rules establishing a process 35  
for the department to make available community capital 36  
assistance funds appropriated by the general assembly to the 37  
department. Community capital assistance funds shall be used to 38  
assist county boards of developmental disabilities in acquiring 39  
housing for individuals receiving supported living in accordance 40  
with sections 5126.40 to 5126.47 of the Revised Code or 41  
individuals receiving supported living funded by a home and 42  
community-based services waiver administered by the department. 43  
The rules shall do all of the following: 44

(1) Specify that community capital assistance funds may be 45  
used to acquire or construct a single-family home, a duplex, a 46

quadplex, a permanently sited manufactured home, a condominium, 47  
newly constructed housing, accessory dwelling units, multi- 48  
structure dwellings, or other housing models; 49

(2) Permit community capital assistance funds to be 50  
combined with other financing sources for the acquisition or 51  
construction of housing described in division (B)(1) of this 52  
section. The rules shall not permit funds to be combined with 53  
other sources if the other sources impose requirements that are 54  
contrary to the rules adopted by the director. 55

(3) Permit county boards of developmental disabilities to 56  
secure property interests in housing described in division (B) 57  
(1) of this section through mortgages, restrictive covenants, or 58  
other property instruments; 59

(4) Require a county board to provide a resident who will 60  
be living in housing acquired or constructed using community 61  
capital assistance funds with the opportunity to meaningfully 62  
participate in selecting the type of housing in which the 63  
resident will live. 64

(C) The director may waive any rule adopted under division 65  
(B) of this section if doing so would allow community capital 66  
assistance funds to be used for innovative housing options that 67  
align with the priorities of the department of developmental 68  
disabilities and county boards of developmental disabilities. 69

**Section 2.** That existing section 5123.351 of the Revised 70  
Code is hereby repealed. 71